



Sunday 8th February 2026

The Second Sunday before Lent

New Today? Welcome!

We would be delighted to keep in touch. Please fill in a Welcome card (from sides people) or contact our Parish Office to be added to our email list.

Our vision:

To see our lives and community transformed and renewed by encountering God and responding to His love in Jesus

Readings	Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 6:25-end
8am St Thomas à Becket	Holy Communion: Revd Andrew Sheard
10am St James	Family Service: Revd Bruce Watson and Jacqui Watson Hymns: On The Screen – Our God is a great big God, Forcefield, Forever God is with us, Holy forever, Lord of the Dance
11am St Thomas à Becket	Matins followed by refreshments: Revd Lizzie Davidson and Revd Andrew Sheard Hymns: 349, Venite, Psalm 24 vv1-6, Gloria, Te Deum, 463, 263, 466
5pm Parish Hall	Sunday Night Youth Group: Revd Bruce Watson and Jacqui Watson
6:30pm St James	Taizé style Holy Communion for Candlemas: Revd Andrew Sheard and Revd Clive Main Readings: Hebrews 2:14-end; Luke 2:22-40
Online service	Church of England online service https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online/weekly-online-services



THIS WEEK

Monday to Saturday 9:00-9:30am morning prayers on Zoom		
Mon 9 th	11:45am	Open Doors Prayer meeting – Emsworth Baptist Church
	2pm	Mission Giving Tithe Meeting – Parish Office
Tue 10 th	10am	Babies, Biscuits and Banter – Parish Office
Wed 11 th	10am	Holy Communion - St James
Thurs 12 th	9:30-11am	The Ark Toddler Group – Parish Hall
Fri 13 th	7-9pm	High Tide Youth Group – Emsworth Baptist Church

Sunday 15th February 2026 The Sunday Next Before Lent

Readings	2 Peter 1:16-end; Matthew 17:1-9
8am St James	Holy Communion: Revd Julie Price and Revd Lizzie Davidson
10am St James	Holy Communion: Revd Lizzie Davidson
10am Parish Hall	Breakfast Church for all ages: Revd Andrew Sheard
11am St Thomas à Becket	Holy Communion: Revd Julie Price and Revd Andrew Sheard
6:30pm St Thomas à Becket	Evensong: Revd Julie Price and Revd David Muskett Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Matthew 17:9-23
ChurchSuite	Missed the St James 10.00 Service talk – or perhaps want to hear it again? It is available on My ChurchSuite – click on the menu item St James Talks.

PARISH NEWS

1.	Taizé Communion Service for Candlemas this evening Sunday 8th February at 6:30pm in St James: All are welcome to join us for this special service.
2.	Open Doors Prayer Group meeting: Monday 9 th February at 11.45am in the Emsworth Baptist Church.
3.	Pause and Pray Monday 9th February 6-7pm in Christchurch, Portsdown: Please join us for an hour of prayer to pray for our borough.
4.	Pancake Party! Tuesday 17th February 4-5pm in the Parish Hall: All families welcome and bring friends for pancakes, games and fun.
5.	Ash Wednesday 18th February: Marking the start of Lent we have the opportunity to renew our commitment to follow the way of Christ. We will have Holy Communion services (with optional ashing) at 10am and 7:30pm in St James.

6.	The Ark Toddler Group will NOT be running on Thursday 19th February . Many thanks from all the team for all your support.
7.	Coffee and Chat is on Friday 20th February 10am-12pm: Sue Ingram will be hosting this month. All are welcome.
8.	Lent Quiet Morning at St Mary's Church Buriton Saturday 7th March 9:30am-1pm: Come and join us for a Quiet Morning at the start of Lent in beautiful surroundings. Sign up sheets in Church today.
9.	Good Friday presentation of Sacred Music: We will have just four Monday rehearsals this year, starting on March 9th, in St James Church at 7:30pm . Music will be provided -Karl Jenkins Requiem – no audition! Queries to Sue Ingram.
10.	Lent Course 2026: The parish will be using the excellent CofE ' Living Generously ' course: 5 sermons, 5 study sessions. We encourage everyone, if possible, to study this course in a group. Home Group members – check with your Home Group leader. Not in a Home Group? Clive Main is offering a new Lent Group, day/time/venue tba. Sign-up sheets are in church or contact Clive Main. You can find the video and study guides on https://www.churchofengland.org/generosity-resources
11.	Mothers' Union AGM Thursday 19th February at 2pm in the Parish Office: All are welcome to come along to Mothers' Union annual meeting.
12.	Holiday Club - Deep Sea Divers: Our feedback has shown that many parents would prefer the Holiday Club to run for a whole day rather than just mornings. Therefore, this year we plan to run the club on Tuesday, 25th August & Wednesday, 26th August . If you would be able to help, please do contact me - Jacqui
13.	Children and Youth Training event - April 23rd: If you are involved in working with our young people in any capacity, you are invited to a training evening from 7.30 to 9.30pm. This will be run in conjunction with the diocese's children and youth team. Further details to follow, but it would be great if you could keep this date free.
14.	A new Treasurer, and Churchwarden at St Thomas à Becket: Both Peter Eberle and Dan Robinson have given notice that they would like to stand down from their roles at the APCM. Please be praying for God to call others to step into these roles. The treasurer will be part of a treasury team, which means the work is shared out and not so onerous on any one individual. Please speak to Andrew if you are interested or would like to know more.
15.	Toiletries Collection for Stop Domestic Abuse: There will be a box at the back of each church for the collection of new unopened toiletries such as deodorant, body spray, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes for both adults and children, bath and hand towels. If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Twitchen.
16.	Emsworth Good Neighbours celebrates its 30th birthday this year: We are a community of volunteers, helping mostly elderly and frail residents of Emsworth, supported by the Good Neighbours Network through our Diocese. Last year our wonderful volunteers carried out over 1300 acts of kindness, including 600 car trips to medical appointments. We would be so grateful for more volunteers – any time you could spare would be so appreciated. Mileage and parking expenses are paid. Some of

	our drivers have 'retired' recently and others temporarily stepped down. If you would consider volunteering or would like to know more please be in touch. You would be well supported. Thank you. www.emsworthgoodneighbours.org
17.	Emsworth Primary School is looking for two new community Governors. Could you be one of them? The commitment is six Governor Meetings a year, 5.30-7.30pm, face to face (or on Teams). Some experience in the education world preferred but not essential. Speak to Bruce if you'd like more information.
18.	Possible outing to the Royal Albert Hall on Friday 4 th December, for the matinee performance of the Sir John Rutter Christmas Concert with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Approximate departure time from Emsworth 11am and return time 7:45pm. The price including the concert ticket and coach travel approximately £90. Further details in the March edition of Running Free.
19.	Running Free distributor: is there a very kind person who lives on or near New Brighton Road and could take on delivery of 5 copies of Running Free each month. I'd be most grateful. Clare Jury

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